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BERLIN TASK FORCE

Minutes and Assignments of August 17 Meeting.

Mr. Kohler said that the White House has instructed that no further action should be taken [redacted] pending further considerations and instructions.

Mr. Kohler wanted information on what we are doing and what progress has been made on the information requested from DOD in connection with the proposed build-up of forces of our NATO Allies. [redacted] Mr. Kohler said he hoped that it would be available in time for the 5 p.m. meeting at the White House.

[redacted] He suggested that work be pushed forward on a tentative calendar for negotiations.

It was agreed that INR will prepare a weekly assessment of Soviet developments, with emphasis on the results on the Soviets of our actions in connection with Berlin. This should not be a formal study, but should be suitable for presentation to the Steering Group. Pertinent Sino-Soviet developments should be included.

A reply, to be signed by the President, to the letter from Mayor Brandt was discussed. Mr. Cash and Mr. Day will prepare a draft answer to be available for the 5 p.m. meeting. The problem of Adenauer's feelings over an exchange of letters between the President and Brandt was discussed.

It was agreed that the text of the American note of protest to Moscow will be circulated to all UN members. IO would handle this.

INR gave a short briefing on background of and developments after the GDR actions in Berlin of August 13.

It was agreed that the Task Force would meet henceforth daily at 10:30 a.m.

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